

Appl. No. 09/905,113

Reply to Office Action of: February 2, 2006

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for reviewing the present application.

Applicant acknowledges the allowability of claims 1-11.

Claim Amendments

Claim 12 is amended inserting "using said secret key" following "device" and inserting "favorable" following "based on a" at line 6.

Claim 12 is also amended replacing "data from" with "a first output displayed under control of" on line 7, replacing "data from" with "a second output displayed under control of" on line 8 and inserting "being" between "processor" and "independently" on line 9.

No new subject matter is believed to have been added by way of the above amendments.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 102

Claim 12 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,778,072 to Samar. Applicant respectfully submits, as follows, that claim 12, as amended, distinguishes over the Samar reference for reasons similar to those expressed by the Examiner for allowing claim 1.

As outlined above, claim 12 is amended to clarify that the comparison of data to permit access to the personalized device is achieved through a comparison of a first output under control of the secure module and a second output under the control of the main processor being independently operable. The Examiner has indicated that the prior art does not teach such a comparison as stated in his reasons for allowing claim 1. Therefore, Applicant believes that claim 12 clearly and patentably distinguishes over Samar for at least that reason. Applicant also notes that Samar does not teach using a secret key to access a personalized device upon such a comparison as recited in amended claim 12.

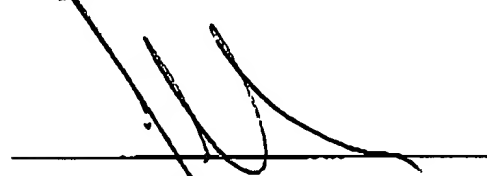
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Summary

Accordingly, Applicant believes that all pending claims, namely claims 1-12 are in condition for allowance. Action to that end is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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